

for her outstanding service and commitment to our community.

For over 27 years Maro and her husband Ed Dimmer have successfully grown Rheinlander bakery in Olde Town Arvada into the community jewel it is today. The bakery operates with the mission to give back to the community by donating 10 percent of its profits for charitable activities. Maro is instrumental in running the bakery's fundraising events, including the annual King Cakes for A Cause, a benefit for the Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund. With the celebration of Rheinlander's 50th year in business, the bakery raised over ten thousand dollars in their Bake Out Hunger Campaign, benefiting the Arvada Community Food Bank. Maro is a huge advocate of small business development and actively mentors bakeries in the Metro Denver area in addition to her own employees, teaching about inventory, margins, marketing and longevity.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Maro Dimmer for her well deserved honor by the West Chamber serving Jefferson County. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

QUINTEN CURTIS

HON. MARK MEADOWS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2013

Mr. MEADOWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Quinten Curtis, a 4th grade student from Granite Falls, North Carolina, who has truly demonstrated the spirit of Christmas this season. When his mother, Becky, asked for his Christmas list, Quinten requested two things: a clarinet and 100 cans of food for the South Caldwell Christian Ministries.

Quinten has proved that every one of us can have an impact on our community. His dedication to helping others is truly exemplary and he is a role model for children and adults alike. Quentin set a goal of donating 100 cans by Christmas, but so far has collected more than six times that amount. His selflessness is contagious and has motivated others in his community to participate, collecting donations at the First United Methodist Church.

Quinten's generosity is an inspiration to us all this holiday season, exhibiting the true meaning of Christmas.

HONORING WILLIAM ABRAMSON

HON. ELIOT ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2013

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, William Abramson was born and raised in the Bronx and today is being honored by the Riverdale Jewish Community Relations Council with the Community Builder Award for his commitment to the community.

His commitment is impressive. Bill was President of the Board of Directors of the Riverdale YM-YWHA for four years and is now the Chairman of the Board. He is a Past President of the Benjamin Franklin Reformed

Democratic Club and is presently a member of the Van Courtland Park Conservancy.

He served as Chairman of Community Board No. 8 in the Bronx for three years, and was the impetus for the creation of the 197-A plan, a system by which city agencies and local groups inspire area growth. He received the 2000 David Rockefeller Fellowship for helping to develop top private sector leaders and engage them in New York City's public arena. He is also Vice President of the Union Square Partnership, and a member of The Greenwich Village Chelsea Chamber of Commerce and Village Alliance.

He has been selected several times as "Commander for the Day" by the Policeman's Association and "Principal for a Day" by PEN-CIL. Mayor Bloomberg appointed Bill to the Workforce Investment Board, where he is on the Strategic Planning Committee.

Bill is an adjunct professor at New York University, teaching Facility Management and Leadership in Management. Bill has served as president of his condominium board in Riverdale for over five years. He has done numerous residential and commercial deals, serving on Real Estate Board of New York's, REBNY, Residential Rental Committee, and REBNY's Retail Committees.

Bill is committed to making a positive difference in his community, the places he works at, and the people he works with and for. It is my pleasure to join with the Riverdale Jewish Community Relations Council in honoring Bill Abramson with the Community Builders Award for his years of dedicated service to his community and his city.

HONORING HIS EMINENCE
FRANCIS EUGENE CARDINAL
GEORGE, O.M.I., ON THE 50TH AN-
NIVERSARY OF HIS ORDINATION

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2013

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Francis Cardinal George on the 50th anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood. Yesterday I joined more than 100 bishops from around the world and hundreds of members of the Chicago Archdiocese in congratulating Cardinal George as he celebrated this milestone with a Mass at Holy Name Cathedral in Chicago, Illinois where he has served as leader of the Archdiocese for almost 17 years. Francis Eugene George was born in 1937 to Francis and Julia George on Chicago's Northwest side. He grew up there with his older sister Margaret and attended St. Pascal School. At the age of 13 he was diagnosed with polio, and to this day wears a leg brace to support the muscles that were damaged by his battle with the illness.

But George persevered and kept his faith, enrolling at St. Henry Preparatory Seminary in Belleville, Illinois, an affiliated high school with the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate. He would eventually join the Missionary Oblates and would make his solemn vow as a member of the order. George was ordained a priest in 1963 at St. Pascal Church where his Catholic education had started as a boy. The following year he received a degree in theology from the University of Ottawa, his first of

many degrees including a doctorate in Philosophy from Tulane University and a doctorate in Sacred Theology from the Pontifical Urbaniana University.

After spending time as a professor, George continued to serve his order when he became the Vicar General for the Oblates of Mary Immaculate. For 12 years, he traveled to missions in some of the poorest regions of Africa, Latin America and Asia. In 1990 Pope John Paul II appointed George as the fifth Bishop of the Diocese of Yakima, Washington. In 1996 he was appointed the ninth Archbishop of Portland in Oregon when he was installed by Pope John Paul II at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. George would serve there for less than a year before he was appointed by Pope John Paul II to the vacant See of Chicago. He was the first native Chicagoan to be appointed as the Archbishop of Chicago, which serves 2.2 million Catholics in 356 different parishes. Within the first year of his service in Chicago, George was elevated to the honor of Cardinal.

For almost 17 years Cardinal George has led his people in the Chicago Archdiocese with his unmatched intellect and warmth. At Mass yesterday, Archbishop Joseph Kurtz, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, very aptly described George as "intelligent and articulate, courageous and curious, humble, zealous." Kurtz continued, "Like Pope Francis, we see in you a generous heart and zealous missionary spirit . . . a humble man of vision."

Today I express my admiration for Cardinal George's devotion to the Archdiocese of Chicago and the entire community, and honor his lifetime of achievements. I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing Francis Cardinal George well as he celebrates the 50th anniversary of his ordination, and to thank him for his inspiring service.

GABRIELLA MILLER KIDS FIRST
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SPEECH OF

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 11, 2013

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Gabriella Miller, a brave little girl who was taken from the world much too soon. I know Gabriella's parents are here in the House gallery and I want to express to them how sorry I am for their loss. Gabriella was a real fighter, not only for herself but for the thousands of other children across the country who are battling cancer. I'm pleased to join my colleague, MICHAEL MCCAUL, in co-chairing the Congressional Childhood Cancer Caucus in the House. Over the years, I've had the privilege of meeting hundreds of young people like Gabriella and families like the Millers. I've heard their heartbreak and frustration, and share their commitment to finding a cure for this devastating disease. The National Institutes of Health play a critical role in this effort—conducting basic research toward finding cures, supporting clinical trials, and developing treatments for childhood cancer and other pediatric illnesses. I firmly believe that as a nation we should be investing more in pediatric research but the bill on the floor won't do that.